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AUGUST 22 EDITION WEEKLY MAGAZINE ZAIRE CARRIED PHOTO ANDREW YOUNG ON COVER WITH CAPTION "THE ASTONISHING ANDREW YOUNG." ARTICLE INSIDE (WITH USIA PHOTO) BEGAN WITH STATEMENT THAT YOUNG "WAS SEEMINGLY THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL PERSON IN THE ADMINISTRATION, BUT IN REALITY HE IS THE SPOKESPERSON FOR A NEW AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY." COMMENTARY NOTES YOUNG'S INITIAL HESITANCY IN ACCEPTING HIS U.N. POSITION. SINCE ACCEPTING, AUTHOR SAYS THAT YOUNG "DISENCHANTS AS MUCH AS HE DISAPPOINTS AND WORRIES BOTH HIS SYMPATHIZERS AND ADVERSARIES BY HIS STATEMENTS WHICH ARE OF SUCH CRUDENESS THAT ONE WOULD AT FIRST GLANCE BELIEVE THEM EMPTY OF ANY DIPLOMATIC TACT. THIS, HOWEVER, IS A HASTILY CONCEIVED JUDGEMENT. THESE (YOUNG'S) STATEMENT ARE THE RESULT OF A TEMPERMENT AND STRATEGY OF A MINISTER OF RELIGION AND AN IDEALIST WHO REFUSES TO COMPROMISE HIMSELF BECAUSE, HE WANTS HIS CAUSE AND HIS IDEAS TO ULTIMATELY PREVAIL." COMMENTARY CHARACTERIZES YOUNG AS "THE MOST FASCINATING DIPLOMATIC

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EXPERIMENT ATTEMPTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER." AFTER NOTING CRITICISM OF CARTER 'OPEN DIPLOMACY' AND "MIXING OF MORALITY WITH NATIONAL INTERESTS," AUTHOR CONTINUES ANALYSIS: "...YOUNG IS THE FIRST AMERICAN UN AMBASSADOR WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, WHERE HE PARTICIPATES IN POLICY PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING. IN MATTERS OF US AFRICAN POLICY, YOUNG'S VIEWS CARRY A LOT OF WEIGHT. HE ALSO MEETS FREQUENTLY WITH PRESIDENT

CARTER. HE ATTENDS CABINET MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY AND JOINS BOTH CYRUS VANCE AND PROFESSOR BRZEZINSKI... IN DEBATING FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUES WITH THE PRESIDENT. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. IT IS SURPRISING THAT ONE DOES NOT HEAR AN EXPLOSION IN THE RANKS OF THE AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT."

ARTICLE THEN RECOUNTS YOUNG STATEMENTS CONCERNING CUBANS AND STABILITY IN ANGOLA AND CARTER'S DELEGATING AFRICAN POLICY FORMULATION TO MONDALE. "NEVERTHELESS," CONTINUES COMMENTARY, "ANDREW YOUNG CONTINUES TO PLAY A BIG ROLE (IN POLICY FORMULATION). THE ENTIRE WORLD IS BEGINNING TO ACQUIRE A TASTE FOR YOUNG'S MODEL OF DIPLOMACY, NOT AS A TRADITIONAL DIPLOMAT BUT AS A POLITICIAN WHO HAS THE DUTY TO REHABILITATE AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. HIS MISSIONS IS TO REGAIN GROUND LOST UNDER THE PREVIOUS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION. THE US WANTS TO RETURN TO THE DAYS WHEN AMERICAN DIPLOMACY WAS OUTSTANDING AND HAD GOOD RESULTS. THIS GOAL IS ESPECIALLY SOUGHT AFTER IN THE THIRD WORLD." AUTHOR THEN POINTS TO YOUNG CARRIBEAN TOUR AS EXAMPLE AND THEN ADDS "FOR BETTER OR WORSE, MOST DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON TAKE YOUNG'S VIEWS TO REFLECT THOSE OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. ... HIS FRANKNESS AND UNSHAKEABLE FAITH HAVE WON HIM SYMPATHY BUT THE TRADITIONAL DIPLOMATS DON'T ALWAYS AGREE WITH HIS OUTSPOKENESS." COMMENTARY STATES THAT OBSERVERS THINK THAT "HIS APPOINTMENT IS ALREADY PRODUCING GOOD EFFECTS. THE ABSENCE OF A US AFRICAN POLICY UNDER THE KISSINGER-FORD DUO HAD REACHED A POINT WHEREBY RESENTMENT AND DISGUST ON THE PART OF AFRICANS WAS SUCH THAT DIALOGUE WAS IMPOSSIBLE."

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"COULD THE ATLANTA MODEL BE EXPORTED TO AFRICA?" AUTHOR ASKS. "YES, BUT THERE IS NO HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE A SUCCESS BECAUSE BLACKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE NOT ONLY DEMANDING THEIR FUNDAMENTAL CIVIL RIGHTS, THEY ARE ALSO WAGING A CAMPAIGN TO WIN LIBERATION BY FORCE," ACCORDING EDITORIAL. AUTHOR CONCLUDES ANALYSIS AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY: "MR. JIMMY CARTER FOUND HIMSELF CAUGHT IN A CRUEL REALITY; AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAD LOST ITS MORAL CONTENT, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. TO RESTORE STRENGTH TO THAT POLICY, CARTER HAD TO USE THE 'HUMAN RIGHTS' ARM. IN FOREIGN POLICY, KISSINGER HAD GIVEN PRIVILEGED TREATMENT TO THE RELATIONS AND RIVALRIES OF THE SUPER-POWERS WHILE GIVING SCANT ATTENTION TO SMALL COUNTRIES. CARTER WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE BOTH CAPABLE OF PROMOTING HARMONY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND OF PROVIDING A POPULAR BASIS FOR AMERICAN POLICY." ITEM.

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